IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re	Application of:)	
Toru MINEYAMA et al.)) Group Art Unit: 3622)	" 0000
Application No.: 09/973,512			
Filed:	October 9, 2001) Examiner: John W. Van Bramer)) Confirmation Number: 6341)))))	
For:	SERVER OPERATIONAL EXPENSES COLLECTING METHOD, AND APPARATUS THEREFOR		

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Applicants file this Amendment concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination following a Final Office Action mailed January 9, 2008.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment section of this paper.